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DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
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Robert Gardiner of Ghana, the newly-appointed Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, arrived in Addis Ababa yesterday (17 May) to take up his new duties. His appointment was confirmed recently by UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Gardiner was for six years in the administrative service of the former Gold Coast and, when that territory became independent in 1957, of the Government of Ghana, during which he held posts in the Ministries of Education and Housing and the Civil Service. His last post was the Establishment Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of Ghana.

A graduate of Cambridge University, England, with a degree in economics and anthropology, Mr. Gardiner also studied economics at Durham University and did post graduate work at Oxford and London Universities. After completing his studies in England in 1943, he became a staff member in the Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone, British West Africa, where he lectured on economics.

Born in the former Gold Coast on 29 September 1914, the new Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA has a long background of specialized knowledge of the African continent and its problems. He joined the United Nations in 1946 where he served for two and one-half years as an area specialist on research and analysis of information from trust territories.

Before joining the Government of Ghana, Mr. Gardiner was for four years (1949-1953) Director of Extra-Mural Studies at University College, Ibadan, Nigeria.

Mr. Gardiner is married and the father of three children.

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